

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-10, 13-15 and 18-20 remain in the application. Claims 1-3, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 21-39 have been canceled.

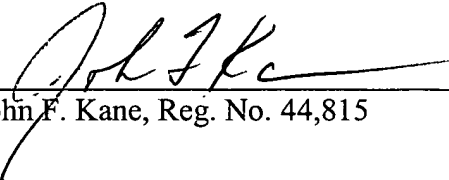
The Office action indicates that claims 4-10, 13-15 and 18-20 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 4, 9, 10, 13, 18 and 20 have been amended to include the limitations of the base claim upon which each claim is dependent. No new matter has been included by the foregoing amendments and the amendments present the allowed claims in proper form. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 21-39 were withdrawn in view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement and therefore Applicants retain the right to present these claims in a divisional application.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-3, 11, 12, 16 and 17 without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution of the case. Applicants nonetheless maintain that the canceled claims are directed to patentable subject matter and retain the right to present these claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-10, 13-15 and 18-20, now pending, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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